

SENATE RESOLUTION No. ____

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring State Senator Earline Rogers for over three decades of service to the citizens of Northwest Indiana and throughout the State.

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_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

1 A SENATE RESOLUTION honoring State Senator Earline
2 Rogers for over three decades of service to the citizens of
3 Northwest Indiana and throughout the State.

4 *Whereas, Senator Earline Rogers has served in the Indiana*
5 *Senate since 1990, having spent the previous eight years in the*
6 *Indiana House of Representatives;*

7 *Whereas, Senator Rogers is a 38-year veteran of the Gary*
8 *Public School system, spending much of her career advocating*
9 *for greater educational opportunities for Indiana's children;*

10 *Whereas, Senator Rogers served two years on the Gary*
11 *Common Council and was the first woman elected president*
12 *during that time. Senator Rogers was the first African-*
13 *American to serve as vice chair of the Indiana State Democratic*
14 *Party and the first African-American to serve as Assistant*
15 *Minority Leader of the Senate Democratic Caucus;*

16 *Whereas, During her tenure at the statehouse, Senator*
17 *Rogers' most notable accomplishments include her push to*
18 *create a pathway to allow casino gaming in Indiana, her efforts*
19 *to move riverboat casinos inland, opening harbor space,*



1 *encouraging interstate competition and generating additional*
2 *jobs;*

3 *Whereas, Senator Rogers authored legislation raising the*
4 *age for execution in the State of Indiana, gaining her*
5 *worldwide attention;*

6 *Whereas, Senator Rogers has been a key voice for children,*
7 *authoring Heather's Law, which develops models for schools to*
8 *educate their students on dating violence, Jo Jo's law, school*
9 *bus safety legislation that provides safe transport to students,*
10 *and the state's first bi-literacy program. She was instrumental*
11 *in strengthening provisions to ensure prospective teachers*
12 *receive adequate training;*

13 *Whereas, Senator Rogers graduated with honors from*
14 *Roosevelt High School in Gary, Indiana, earned a B.A. and*
15 *Master's from Indiana University; and*

16 *Whereas, Senator Rogers has been married to Louis*
17 *(Chuck) Rogers for 60 years, has two grown children: Keith*
18 *and Dara, and six grandchildren: Therefore,*

19 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the*
20 *General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

21 SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate recognizes and honors
22 Senator Earline Rogers for her dedicated service and many
23 contributions to the State of Indiana.

24 SECTION 2. The Secretary of Senate is hereby directed to
25 transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Earline Rogers.

